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SWITCH CABINET

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows to place this application  
in better condition for examination:

In the claims:

1. (Amended) In a [A] kit for a switchgear cabinet with a rack[,  
whose] with open sides that can be covered by [means of] wall elements and at least  
one cabinet door, the improvement comprising:

[characterized in that]